

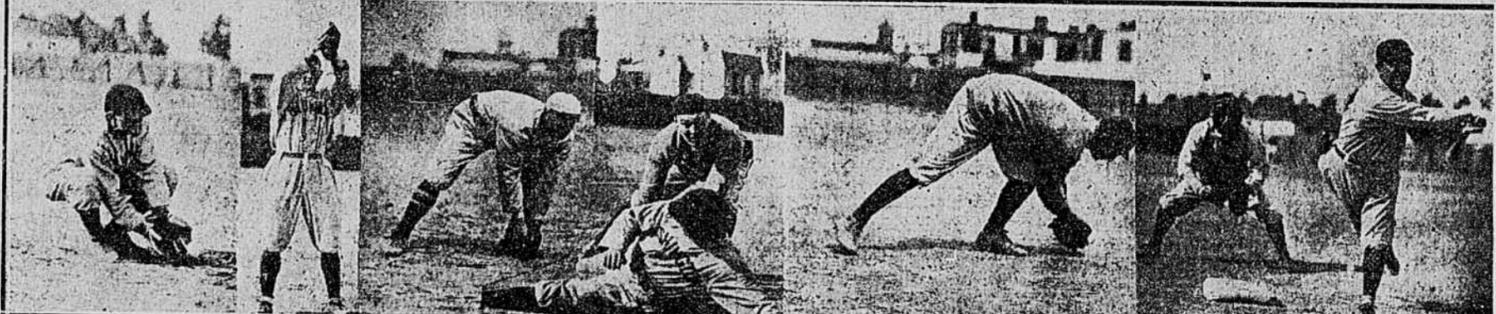
## Washington Club Which Opens Season Here Wednesday



PATIENCE, Utility Infielder. TRENTON, Pitcher. BENNETT, Pitcher. TOBIN, Catcher (batting). COTTER, Catcher. BROWNE. GUS DUNDON, Second Base. FALLON, Left Field (batting). FARRICKE, First Base.

### CROWD ENJOYS FAST PLAYING ON MUDDY FIELD

Fourteen Long Innings Finish a Draw Between Colts and Sox.



GUS DUNDON, Second Base. TOM DOWLING, Centre Field. ADLER, Third Base. Trainer catching Geary sliding. LANG, Infielder. FALLON, Left Field. COTTER, Catcher. Photos by Foster.

### DOCTOR AYERS IS HERO OF BATTLE

Big Fellow Never Worried Throughout Long Contest, Fanning Thirteen of Visitors and Allowing Only Ten Hits—Stupid Base-running Lost Game.

### NEWNHAM'S CLUB DEFEATS SAILORS

Leaguers Jump on Bennett for Sixteen Hits—Seybold Bats 1,000 Per Cent.

### NEWNHAM WILL OPPOSE BROWNE IN TEST OF MANAGERIAL ABILITY

Two Generals Have Their Plan of Battle All Mapped Out for Opening Game at Lee Park Wednesday—Chief Rooter Sydner Will Throw First Ball.

### HIGH SCHOOL IS AGAIN WINNER

After Plucky Fight Academy Is Defeated by One Lone Talley.

### PREMIER HONORS IN RELAY EVENTS WON BY PENN

Take Two and-Four Mile Championship After Hard Struggle.

### ALL RACES RUN ON MUDDY TRACK

Virginia Wins One of Mile Relay Contests—Athletes From West Show Up Well in Field Sports—Feature of Afternoon Is Fine Performance of Gutterston.

### VIRGINIA LEAGUE

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

Richmond, 2	Danville, 2	(fourteen innings, darkness)
Norfolk, 0	Portsmouth, 4	
Lynchburg, 0	Petersburg, 3	
Newport News, 2	Roanoke, 5	

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Clubs	Won	Lost	P.C.	Year
Petersburg	5	2	.714	.600
Roanoke	5	4	.558	.400
Richmond	4	4	.500	1.000
Norfolk	4	4	.500	.750
Newport News	4	4	.500	.....
Portsmouth	4	4	.500	.....
Danville	2	5	.286	.200
Lynchburg	2	5	.286	.367

WHERE THEY PLAY MONDAY.

Richmond at Newport News.  
Petersburg at Norfolk.  
Roanoke at Danville.  
Portsmouth at Lynchburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Suffolk, Va., April 27.—The United States Richmonders swarmed over the rail and swept the decks of the United States ship Louisiana, spiking the guns of big gunner Bennett, and sunk the old battleship off Camp Richmond this afternoon with a score of 9 to 2. The sailors fought hard, and the defeat of the crew of the Louisiana wasn't due to inefficiency on their part, but because of the superior marksmanship of the Richmonders. The Louisiana was plucky, and in the sixth engagement threw a score across the plate that showed there was fight to the last.

Bill Taylor did the firing for Richmond. In the first session Shaw met one of Taylor's groovers for two corners, scoring Kirchner. The Richmonders responded with five tallies, McFarland and Blue scoring the five in the first with a home run each. The Sailors rallied after the second, but too late to keep the good boat afloat. Newnham's club was on the lookout for the Louisiana. They had heard that it was easy for the Louisiana to sink Pop Shaffer's Mary Jane, and that Gunner Bennett was a slamban with a long range. Bennett twirled with vim, but the Richmonders rapped him hard. Sox Seybold batted 1,000 per cent. He went to work four times and is credited with four hits, one of which was for two sacks. Newnham, O'Hare and Bohannon wielded the stick relentlessly. The game was filled with brilliant plays, and Shaw of the bat.

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After months of surmise, wondering, guessing, believing, disbelieving, hoping, praying, Richmond is to welcome the United States League on Wednesday, when the opening game of the season will be played between the club representing this city and the club representing Washington. The game will begin at 4:15 o'clock, and Umpire Arlie Latham will give the word, while Chief Rooter Sydner will throw the first ball. The pennant race will be on, and loyal thousands of people hereabouts will show by their patronage that the metropolis of the South is ready to pay the price when the article merits it.

Manager Browne, of the capital city aggregation is sure that he has a pennant winning crowd. At Newnham, pilot of the locals, is equally sure as to the ability of his club. Both are certain that they will fight

### Facts of Local U. S. League Opening

Game will begin at 4:15.  
All westbound cars will go to Lee Park.  
Kesslich's Band will be on hand to live up things.  
Chief Rooter Sydner will throw the first ball.  
Arlie Latham will probably be the umpire.  
It is probable that Mayor Richardson will be on hand.  
With fair weather, it is estimated that 15,000 people will be out.

WHERE TEAMS PLAY.

Washington vs. Richmond, at Richmond.  
Pittsburg vs. Cleveland, at Cleveland.  
Reading vs. New York, at New York.  
Chicago vs. Cincinnati, at Chicago.

Washington—C. Fallon, lf. Dundon, 2b. Adler, 3b. Browne, rf. Dowling, cf. Geary, ss. Farricke, 1b. Born, c. Tobin, c. Trainor, p. Bennett, p. Owen, p. Pfeffer, p. Trenton, p.

B. White has lived up to his agreement. He has done what many said it was impossible for him to accomplish. He has completed a modern, up-to-date ball plant within twenty-eight days. Naturally there will be some rough edges to be knocked off after the opening, but this will be accomplished while the club is away from home. Parkkeeper Buff Ford has also made good. His diamond is in apple-pie shape, and will be as fast as anybody could wish it. In other words the people of Richmond will find a comfortable park in which to watch the opening game.

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Cogbill, 2b	2	0	4	0	0	1
Hoover, c	4	1	6	1	0	0
Seay, lf	4	1	0	1	0	0
Quarles, ss	4	1	1	4	0	0
Robins, 1b	4	0	12	0	1	0
King, 3b	3	0	1	3	0	0
McElroy, cf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Cosby, rf	3	1	1	2	0	0
Bass, p	3	0	0	1	2	0
Mills, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Gentry, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	5	4	27	11	3

Academy.

Taylor, 1b	2	0	0	0	1
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### READY TO SIGN FOR BIG MATCH

Donaldson and Gardner Will Agree on Terms to-Morrow and Post Forfeit.

Mike Donaldson and Charlie Gardner will meet in the office of The Times-Dispatch to-morrow afternoon and sign articles of agreement and post a forfeit for their appearance, before a Richmond audience to a six-round sparring exhibition on May 25. Both boys report that they are now in condition to step into the ring and give a good account of themselves. Donaldson has been at work for several weeks, jogging on the roads and punching the bag. He is as hard as nails and promises to take care of all the punishment the Washingtonian can deliver, at the same time putting in some telling punches himself.

As to Gardner, he has been mixing it every day, having about five engagements a week. No lad, regardless of his strength, can go through this grueling kind of work if he is not in condition. Incidentally, he must take care of himself to stand the strain. With both boys in good condition, the people who attend the contest should be treated to one of the best exhibitions witnessed anywhere. Interest in the coming engagement is growing daily, and the largest hall in the city will be taxed to its capacity. It is understood that the lads will weigh very close to 135 pounds on the day of the engagement.

## UNITED STATES LEAGUE'S PLAYERS AND MANAGERS ALL ANXIOUSLY AWAITING OPENING ON WEDNESDAY

CINCINNATI. Mollerkaup, 1b. Winter, cf. Lutz, 2b. Boedel, rf. Dieman, ss. Dohney, p. Chapman, lf. Kline, p.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 27.—Manager McKinnon, of the local club in the United States League, says that his team will be more than ready to open up the season on May 1, with the Chicago club.

The club is out every day in practice, and from the feats the boys have been performing, it looks as though the club will be a strong factor in the field.

Jimmy Barton, who is captaining the team, has a good line on the material he has on hand. Every day new comers join the ranks. They are drifting in from all parts of the city and country.

Lovell Draper, Cincinnati champion long distance runner, who has been working out with the Anniston (Ala.) team, joined the squad. A sprinter named Carl, from Altoona, Pa., is said to be a valuable asset to the team.

"Humpty" Boedel, who made a great record with the Buffalo team, and for whom Manager Ned Hanlon offered \$5,000 during his last year, as the manager of the Reds, will be one of the United States League's regular outfielders.

The line-up for the opening game, as announced by Manager McKinnon today, follows:

Mollerkaup, 1b; Barton, 2b; Lutz, 3b; Dieman, ss; Chapman, lf; Winter, cf; Boedel, rf; Hicks, catcher; Dohney and Kline, pitchers.

READING. Dyer, rf. Deller, 3b. Sheekard, cf. Manning, ss. Malloy, lf. Porte, c. Brouthers, 2b. Fletcher, p. Sabie, 1b. Hillman, p. Cronin, p. Hines, 1b. Jackson, p.

Reading, Pa., April 27.—The Reading United States League team is ready for the opening of the season next Wednesday, when Manager Leo Grooms will travel with his crew of eighteen players to New York to pry off the lid. Over fifty men have been tried out for positions here and the squad is now trimmed down so that only the cream is left, and with no opposition from organized ball, the "Pretzels" expect to make good.

President William A. Witman, who resides here, will go with the Reading team to New York for the opening, and then expects to make a flying trip around the circuit to take in most of the early games.

The opening day line up will probably be: Dyer, right field; Sheekard, centre field; Malloy, left field; Brouthers, second base; Sabie, or Hines, first base; Deller, third base; Manning, a wriston; Porte, catcher; Fletcher, Millman, Cronin and Jackson, pitchers. Mack, left field; Nashert, third base; Beaumont, catcher; and Kaufman, pitcher, are reserve men.

CLEVELAND. Hohart, 2b. Britton, 3b. Kirby, ss. Green, c. Freeman, 1b. Blinnick, p. Brouthers, cf. Walters, p. Peifer, rf. Compton, p. Ort, rf. Conroy, p. Rafferty, p.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 27.—After considerable weeding out, Manager Jack O'Connor has his United States League team about settled up.

He may make some changes after the season starts as professional players out of jobs happen to drop in and show whether or not they can make good. At present he has a combination of veterans and semi-professionals, about half of whom are Clevelanders.

For the opening game he will probably place the following team in the field: Catcher, Green, Fort Worth; Pitcher, Blinnick, (Sandusky); Walters, (Compton); Rafferty, (Western Reserve University); first base, Freeman, formerly of Washington; second base, Hohart, (Cleveland semi-pro); third base, Britton, (Cleveland semi-pro); shortstop, Kirby, (with Youngstown in 1911); left field, Ort, (with Portland, Ore., in 1911); centre field, Joe Delahanty, (with Toronto in 1911); right field, Peifer, (Albany).

There are a number of other candidates, including Doc Moyer, the Youngstown pitcher, who was purchased by Washington during the season of 1910. He was recently declassified a free agent by Toledo after a brief try out.

CHICAGO. Crowley, 3b. McDonough, c. Duff, ss. Daly, c. Johnson, ss. Raymond, p. Walters, 1b. Hamilton, p. Scanley, lf. Parker, p. Gertsch, rf. McGuire, p. Lynch, c. Gardner, p.

Chicago, Ill., April 27.—The last four days of warm weather has worked wonders in the improvement of the United States League players at Gunther Park. One of the everyday watchers remarked to-day that the squad looks like an entirely new outfit compared with a week ago. Walters has begun to show class at first and Crowley acted like a midseason veteran cavorting around in the practice game today.

Every one of the pitchers showed samples of midseason speed, which made Manager Keeley feel as if that department will be strong. The staff now consists of Raymond, Flynn, Hamilton, McGuire, Walters, Parker, Painter and Gardner. All eight men will be given a chance in the regular games. Manager Keeley is confident that his aggregation will have little difficulty in showing their class over the Guntherers to-morrow, when they meet the crack semi-professional club for the fourth and last exhibition game of the training season.

The United States League club play their last exhibition with the American Giants, one of the fastest teams in the country. By winning this game it will give the fans a high estimation of the new third-league club of Chicago.

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PITTSBURGH. Warren, 2b or 3b. Hughes, c. Duff, ss. Gove, c. Callahan, lf. Piper, c. Brown, rf. John, p. Stone, lf. Curley, p. Miller, 1b. Hamilton, p. Fowler, 2b or 3b. Phillips, p.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 27.—Manager Phillips, of the Pittsburgh United States League club, to-night announced that he has his players shaped up for the opening game in Cleveland next Wednesday. "I am confident that we are going to have a good club," said Manager Phillips. "From some forty or fifty candidates I have selected the players who, in my opinion, will make good. Several of them lack big league experience, but have attracted attention as members of strong semi-professional combinations in Pittsburgh and other cities. We will carry five or six pitchers and at least three catchers, and in the battery department I believe we will be particularly strong. I had counted on the veteran, Ritchie, for second base, but indications are that he will not be able to play with us, as his right arm, which was broken while he was at the Louisville club last season, has not mended and he is unable to throw. However, I have two or three very clever young infielders, any one of whom can play second, so that even if Ritchie cannot be used our infield will not be weakened. For the opening game in Cleveland we probably present this line-up and batting order: Warren, second or third base; Duff; Warren, second or third base; Duff;

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### CREWS GETTING READY FOR RACES

Blues Have Men on Water for First Time This Season.

The cold weather of last week had thrown the rowing season somewhat behind. Yesterday, however, there were quite a number of men at the Virginia Boat Club's home, Lum Wellford, Cook, Wheat, Cushman, Augustin, Turner and Saville were all on the river getting into shape for the championship season. A new recruit, who is expected to show up well, is Hamilton Claiborne. McWellford, one of the strongest of last year's crew, has been operated on for appendicitis, and will not row.

The Richmond Blues had a crew on the water yesterday evening for the first time. This crew was composed of the following men: No. 1, Crump; No. 2, Jones; No. 3, Strother; No. 4, Mayer; No. 5, Ruskel; No. 6, Burk; No. 7, Bennis; Stroke, Parker; Coxswain, Richardson. Coach Sidney Smith kept them on the water for nearly two hours. After about one and three-quarter hours the S. O. S. was sent out, and substitute Cook went to the rescue. Crump climbed into the first boat to reach the crippled ship. With a few weeks' of coaching this crew will make any crew sit up and take notice.

Real work will commence for both crews next week, in preparation for the regatta to be pulled off in June.